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UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE UNLAWFUL DRUG USERS INDICTED FOR ILLEGAL FIREARMS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a three Kansas City area men were indicted by a federal grand jury today, in separate and unrelated cases, for being illegal users of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm. Today's indictments are part of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

* **Michael D. Millon**, 27, of Grandview, Mo., was charged in a three-count indictment that was returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Millon** was in possession of a Colt .38-caliber Special revolver on Oct. 14, 2003. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any unlawful user of a controlled substance to possess any firearm or ammunition. The indictment alleges that **Millon** was an unlawful user of a controlled substance on Oct. 14, 2003.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Millon** was in possession of six live rounds of ammunition on Nov. 22, 2003. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any unlawful user of a controlled substance to possess any firearm or ammunition. The indictment alleges that **Millon** was an unlawful user of a controlled substance on Nov. 22, 2003.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Millon** was in possession of a .308-caliber rifle on May 8, 2004. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any unlawful user of a controlled substance to possess any firearm or ammunition. The indictment alleges that **Millon** was an unlawful user of a controlled substance on May 8, 2004.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rudolph R. Rhodes, IV. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* Mark R. Arzola, Jr., 22, of Kansas City, and Michael D. Millon, 27, of Grandview, Mo., were charged in a two-count indictment that was returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Arzola** was in possession of a Mossberg 12-gauge shotgun and an Intratec 9 mm pistol on July 6, 2003. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any unlawful user of a controlled substance to possess any firearm or ammunition. The indictment alleges that **Arzola** was an unlawful user of a controlled substance on July 6, 2003. The indictment also alleges that with respect to Count One the offense involved a stolen firearm and that Arzola possessed a firearm in connection with another felony offense.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Millon** was in possession of a Taurus .38-caliber revolver on July 6, 2003. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any unlawful user of a controlled substance to possess any firearm or ammunition. The indictment alleges that **Millon** was an unlawful user of a controlled substance on July 6, 2003.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rudolph R. Rhodes, IV. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Stephen J. Sanchez**, 19, of Kansas City, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

The federal indictment alleges that **Sanchez** was in possession of a Glock .40-caliber pistol on Aug. 18, 2004. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any unlawful user of a controlled substance to possess any firearm or ammunition. The indictment alleges that **Sanchez** was an unlawful user of a controlled substance on Aug. 18, 2004.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Stefan C. Hughes. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in these indictments are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

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